



JUNE 2003 AGENDA

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Appointments to the Advisory Commission on Special Education and Advisory Commission on Charter Schools and, if necessary, Child Nutrition Advisory Council and Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION
	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Take action to reappoint three individuals to the Advisory Commission on Special Education (Angela Hawkins, Janet Mangini, and Don Shalvey) and to appoint one individual to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (Michael D. Piscal). Possibly make appointments to fill vacancies on the Child Nutrition Advisory Council and the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission.

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**Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action.**

The State Board appoints members to a number of advisory bodies. The terms of three current members of the Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE) expire on December 31, 2003. Angela Hawkins, Janet Mangini, and Don Shalvey are highly regarded members of the ACSE. All three have expressed interest in reappointment and are eligible to be reappointed. [State law prohibits individuals from serving more than two terms on the ACSE.] Accordingly, their reappointment is recommended to four-year terms commencing January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2007. If these individuals are reappointed, staff will forego efforts to recruit and interview potential appointees this year.

The Advisory Commission on Charter Schools has one vacancy for a term that expires December 31, 2003. President Hastings recommends that the State Board appoint Michael D. Piscal to fill that vacancy. Mr. Piscal's resume is attached.

As of the agenda printing deadline, there is one vacancy on the Child Nutrition Advisory Council. Staff are endeavoring to identify an individual to recommend for that vacancy. Also, the possibility exists of a vacancy occurring on the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission by the time of the June 2003 meeting. If necessary to address these possibilities, a supplemental memorandum will be provided.

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**Summary of Key Issue(s).**

N/A.

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**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate).**

N/A.

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**Background Information attached to this Agenda Item.**

[Resume of Michael D. Piscal](#)

# Michael D. Piscal

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## *Experience*

**President & Founder, Inner City Education Foundation (ICEF), Los Angeles, 1994 to present:** founded non-profit organization in June of 1994. ICEF's programs and schools include:

- VPP Summer Camp est. 1996
- VPP After School Program est. 1996
- VPP Child Care Center est. 1997
- View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Elementary (K-5) est. 1999
- View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Middle School est. 2001
- View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter High School est. 2003

Responsibilities include hiring and managing a staff of seven employees, overseeing the writing of grants, developing the board of trustees, buying school sites, construction of new schools, acquisition of necessary financing, and hiring of each school's principal. As of April 15, 2003, ICEF has raised over \$5 million since its founding.

**Head of School & Founder, View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Schools, 1999 to Present:** founded what at the time was the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest start-up charter school in California. Opened on September 7, 1999 with 240 students in grades K-5. Responsibilities include hiring and managing a staff of over 45 employees, and supervision of the Directors of the Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and After School Program. Below is a record of success at View Park Prep as measured by Standardized Tests. The goal for all schools as set by the State of California is that at least 50% of students will score at or above the national average.

Math: percentage of View Park Prep students scoring above the national average.

1998-1999*	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
41%	66%	74%	82%

Reading: percentage of View Park Prep students scoring above the national average.

1998-1999*	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
33%	59%	66%	71%

This represents a year on year 10% school wide improvement since the day we opened on September 7, 1999.

\* This represents the average score of a Los Angeles County Elementary student for the 1998-1999 school year – see STAR DATA for 1999 on the CDE website. An exact figure for View Park Prep is difficult to obtain and is based on incomplete data due to our geographic location. View Park Prep is located 7 blocks from the City of Inglewood and a large percentage of our students are from that city's district. View Park Prep received only SISC data for its LAUSD students. We have requested SISC DATA from the city of Inglewood and hope to have a more exact figure. Regardless, View Park Prep students last year outperformed the County Average from the 1998-1999 school year by more than 100%.

**English teacher, Harvard-Westlake School, Los Angeles, CA., 1989 to 1994.**

Instructor of English Literature:

- \*Classical Literature in translation
- \*British and American Literature
- \*Writing Poetry and Fiction
- \*Composition
- \*Lyric Poetry
- \*Shakespeare

**Director, Poet's Speaker Program, Harvard-Westlake, 1990-1994:** initiated program, acquired funding from Trustees, contacted poets through friends, letters, and readings. Organized event day schedule and prepared English colleagues unfamiliar with author by providing lesson plans. Poets who have read at the school include: Carolyn Forché, Al Young, David St. John, Mark Strand (Poet Laureate of the United States), Philip Levine (Pulitzer Prize Winner), Gerald Stern (National Book Award), Carol Muske-Dukes, Li-Young Lee, Stephen Dunn (Pulitzer Prize Winner), and Amy Gerstler (National Book Award Winner).

**Community Service Advisor, Harvard-Westlake, 1993-94:** responsible for planning, organizing, and supervising the community service projects of sixty students. Prepared, delivered, and served meals for up to 150 people at local homeless kitchens. Coordinator also acts as academic and personal advisor. In unofficial capacity, from 1990 to 1993, ran book drive that sent hundreds of new and used textbooks to Verbum Dei High School in South Central LA, Dolores Mission Elementary in East LA, and various other schools.

### ***Education***

**Wake Forest University, 1988,** Winston-Salem, N.C., B.A. History, and extensive studies in European, Ancient Greek, and English literatures. Honors: 2nd Place in 1987, Academy of American Poets; Worrell House Program, Fall of 1986, London, England; finalist in Senior Symposium.

**Post Graduate Studies:** Yeats Festival in Sligo, Ireland, 1993; Oxbridge Teacher's Seminar, Oxford, England, 1993; NEH Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, 1992; Vergilian Society Archeological Studies, 1991; Torre di Babele Institute Rome, 1991; Rutgers University, English studies, 1990.

### ***Honors***

**Breakfast in Bed by Emeril Lagasse October 2002,** nominated by students, parents, faculty and staff with over 400 letters. Breakfast in bed, and more importantly, 20 minutes of coverage of the Inner City Education Foundation and the View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Schools on national television.

**Good Morning America Hero Award December 2002** for founding the Inner City Education Foundation and View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Schools.

**Facing History Facing Ourselves, "Power of One Award" February 2003,** for founding the Inner City Education Foundation and View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Schools.

**The Johns Hopkins University California Teacher Recognition Program 1992:** "Special honors are presented to Michael Piscal for a unique contribution to the teaching of highly talented youth."

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Scholar Summer 1992** at the University of Pennsylvania: studied Boswell and Johnson.

### ***Other***

Division I Football at Wake Forest University, Fall of 1985.

London Saracens Rugby Football Club, Fall of 1986.

Wake Forest University Rugby Football Club 1986-88.

Santa Monica Rugby Football Club, 1989-present.